

HANKY- PANKY

traditional handkerchief toys



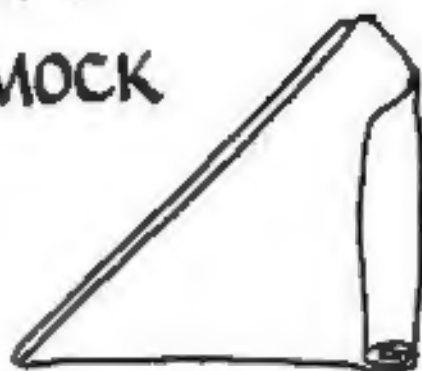


Make a mouse out of a handkerchief? Are you kidding? Not when you know the art of handkerchief toys. Passed down from generation to generation, these are genuine 'folk toys' and a real treasure for long trips, rainy days, and waiting for the bus.

You will find a large handkerchief or bandana ideal, but any square of light cloth will do. Match corners carefully and do rolls tightly - the completed toys will be more convincing and play longer. A short string or rubberband will help hold some of the forms.

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TWINS IN A HAMMOCK



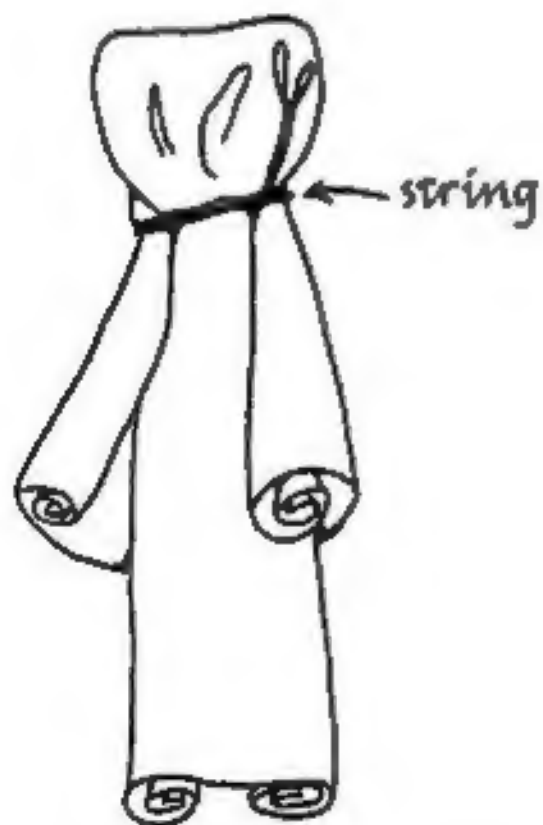
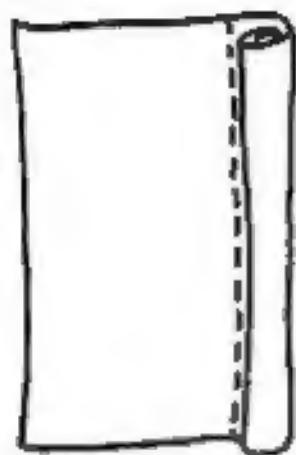
Hold roll ends firmly while pulling the two corners apart to form hammock.



← You may need your mouth as a "third hand" to pull here.

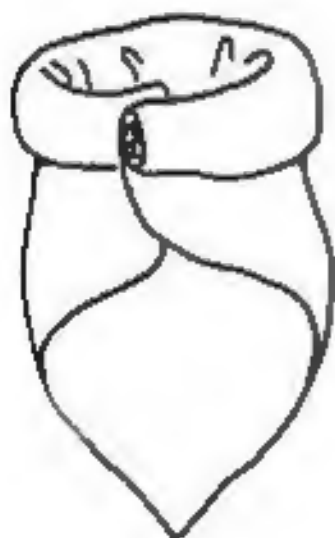
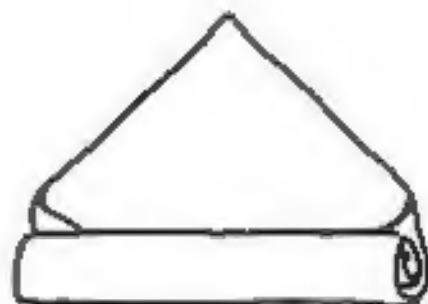
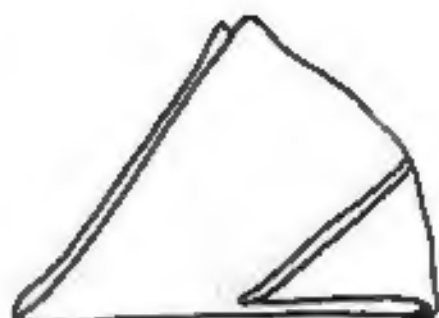


DOLLY



Alternative:
Bring cape up
over head to
form Bonnet.

MOUSE



Tuck flap tightly around overlapping ends of roll. Keep tucking in flap and unrolling from the other side until a loop comes free of the roll. Follow hanky hem to free corner end at arrow.

(continued)



Gently separate two ends out of the loop — one of these will be the tail, the other tied for the head:



Roll the corner under.

Tie the points together.



Hold mousie in your palm, grasping base of tail between two fingers to control motion.



Your caressing other hand covers this device —

Watch out folks!

Sometimes this mouse gets away!

OL' GRANNY



String two small buttons together (the original used shoe buttons)



Make a fist - place buttons around middle finger for eyes. Ink dots work too.



Fold kerchief and tie around Granny's head. Wiggle your thumb to make her talk.



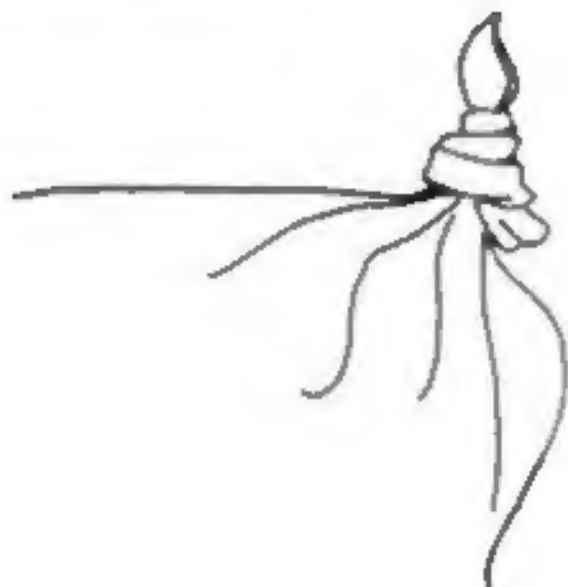
HAT

(one you can
really wear)

or

BOWL

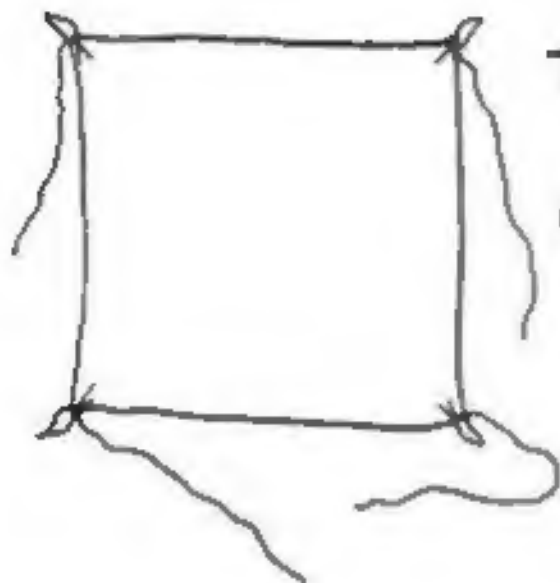
(carry "a peach
each" this way)



Just tie a single
knot in each
corner.



PARACHUTE



Tie strings to all
four corners.

Gather strings
together and
attach weight.



Roll up from chute end.
Toss high in the air and
watch it float down!



RABBIT

Drape squarely
over hand.



Form valleys on either
side of middle finger.



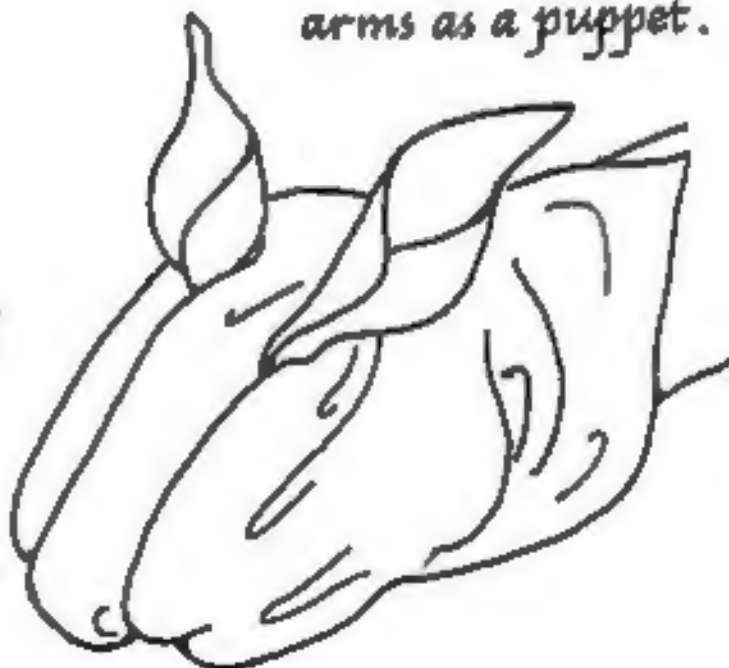
(white cloth
is most
convincing)

Nestle rabbit in your
arms as a puppet.

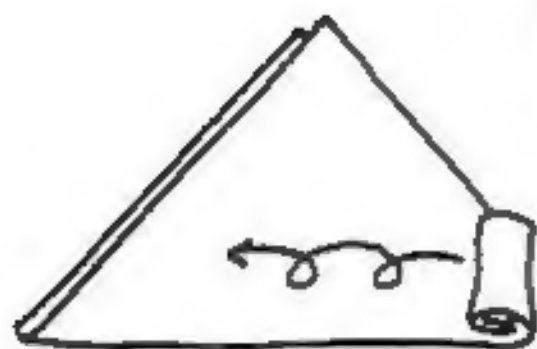


Wrapping index and ring
fingers, tuck corners up
between fingers for ears.

Middle finger forms
wiggling nose; index and
ring fingers make cheeks.



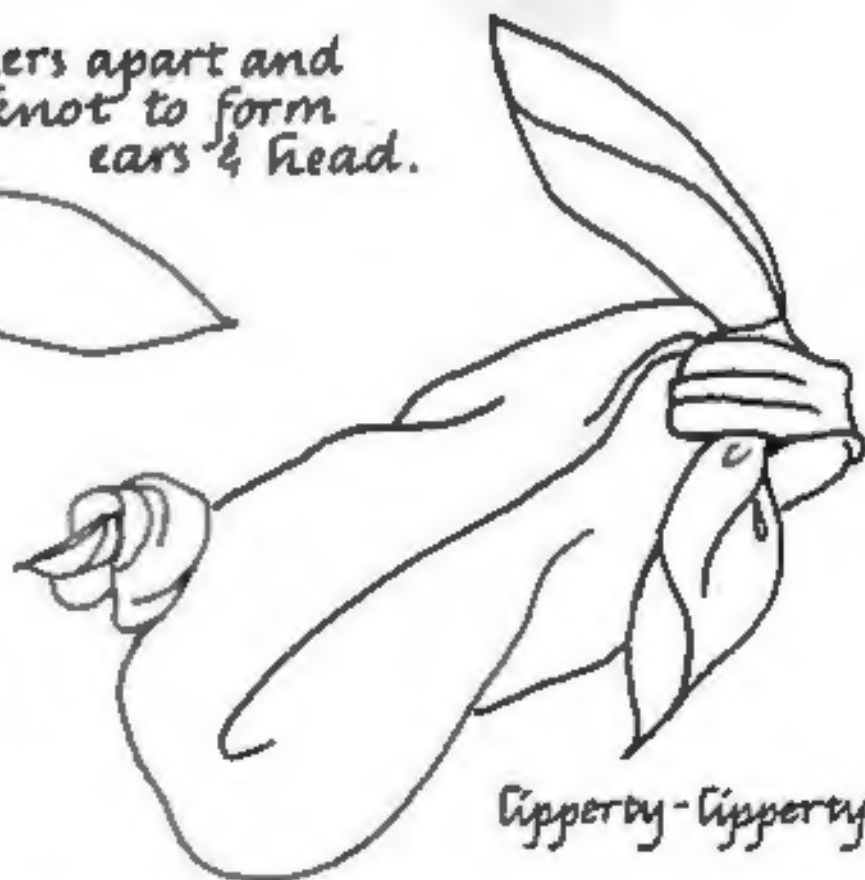
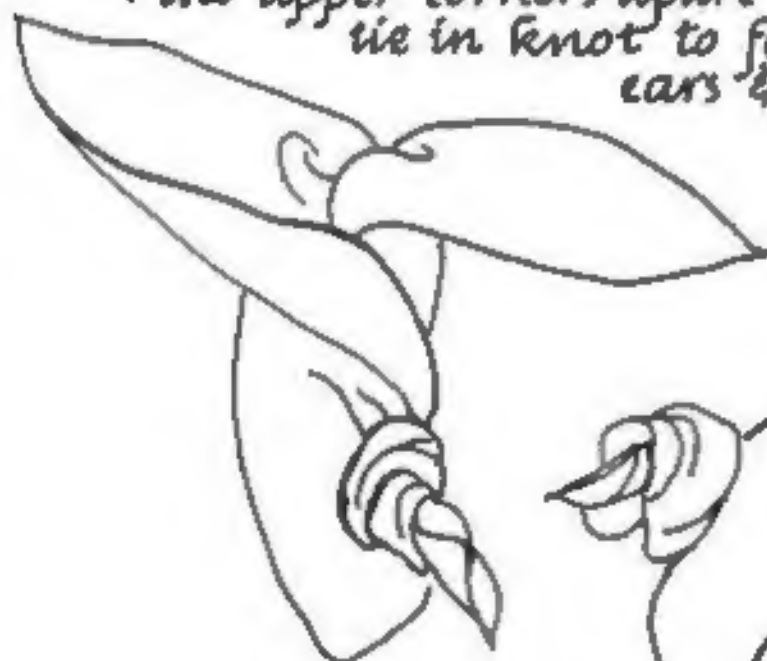
'NOTHER RABBIT



Fold free end back
around roll and
tie in knot to
form tail.

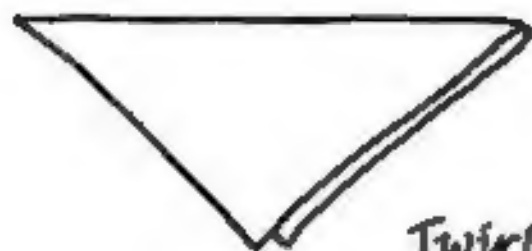


Pull upper corners apart and
tie in knot to form
ears & head.



Tipperty - Tipperty -

BALLERINA



Twirl hanky
until it is
tightly twisted



Fold center
section up
to form
"tutu"



Grasp torso in one hand
and feet in the other -
make her leap and dip,
bend and twist



Grand Finale -
release one foot in
twirling high kick



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